GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ATOMIC ENERGY
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6258
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OUTSTANDING DUES OF NPC TOWARDS SEBS
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Will the Minister of ATOMIC ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether most of the State Electricity Boards are notkeen to purchase electricity from Nuclear Power Corporation (NPC) as it is expensive in comparison to thermal and hydel power;

(b) whether any directions have been issued to the State Governments to make use of nuclear power available in the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the total outstanding amount to be recovered by State Electricity Boards from the NPC as on date, state-wise; and

(e) the steps taken to bring the nuclear power rates down at least at par with thermal/hydel power?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND MINIST OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND SPACE (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE)

(a) During the financial year 2001-2002, nuclear power stations generated about 19,200 Million Units ofelectricity at a capacity factor of about 85%. The total power was absorbed by the concerned State Electricity Boards (SEBs) as per their allocationsexcept for a few, who for their own reasons did not agree to take their share. In such cases, the power has been diverted to other needy SEBs. In regard to generation tariff, it varies from station to station depending on the capital cost or the level at which tariffs have been negotiated. The average tariff from all nuclear power stations is Rs.2.39/kWh which is quite comparable with the tariffs at which power is being offered by the thermal power stations.

(b) & (c) No, Sir.

(d) NPCIL`s outstandings from different SEBsas on 28.2.2002, is Rs.3743 crore inclusive of Delayed Payment Charges ofRs.1565 crore. The State-wise details are shown in the attached Statement(Annex).

(e) NPCIL is taking appropriate steps to reduce the gestation period of the projects by standardisation of designs, adopting modern construction methods and better project management techniques. In addition, the unit sizes of the reactors are also progressively increased to get economy of scale in operation.

Annex for part(d) of the question LS-6258: on Outstanding dues of NPC towards SEBs.

As on 28.2.2002 (Rs. in lakh)

State	Energy	DPC+	Total
MPEB (Madhya Pradesh)	73920	64622	138542
UPPCL (Uttar Pradesh)	15200	33480	48680
GEB (Gujarat)	11596	4198	15794
J&K(Jammu & Kashmir)	33383	12929	46312
HVPNL(Haryana)	25156	12271	37427
DVB(Delhi)	10420	12271	22691
APTRANSCO (Andhra Pradesh)	8858	7621	16479
KPTCIL(Karnataka)	9237	3759	12996
MSEB(Maharashtra)	1005	2342	3347
TNEB(Tamil Nadu)	11113	1119	12232
HPSEB (Himachal Pradesh)	1411	631	2042

RRVPNL (Rajasthan)	15514	126	15640
KSEB (Kerala)	119	660	779
PSEB(Punjab)	836	433	1269
Chandigarh	35	6	41
Pondicherry	0	2	2
Total	217803	156470	374273

+ DPC - Delayed Payment Charges.